

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 remain in the application with claims 1, 11, 12, 20, 21, and 25 having been amended hereby.

Notice is respectfully taken of the allowance of claims 1-25.

The independent claims in this application have been amended as suggested by the examiner in paragraph 2 of the instant Official Action.

Therefore, by reason of the amendments made to the claims hereby, as well as the close of prosecution on the merits in accordance with the practice under ex parte Quayle, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance.

The references cited as of interest have been reviewed and are not seen to show or suggest the present invention as recited in the amended claims.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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